



International Dark-Sky Association

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Dear Supervisors Call, English, and Searle:

On August 13 the Cochise County Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously approved changes to the County's outdoor lighting code. I recommend that the Board of Supervisors follow their action by voting the revised code into law.

As times and technologies change it is important for local government to review and, as necessary, update its existing codes. The updates to the County's outdoor lighting ordinance bring it in line with new technologies with important, but reasonable limits on digital signs and controls on color temperature for outdoor lighting. These color temperature controls are particularly important as more and more outdoor lighting is being transitioned to LED. The International Dark-Sky Association is about to adopt new policies for Dark-Sky Friendly lighting that will mirror the same color temperature guidelines that are in the proposed Cochise County code.

Your approval of the revised code will ensure that people around the globe will see Cochise County as a recognized leader in night sky protection.

Sincerely,

W. Scott Kardel
Acting Executive Director
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